

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 25 and bridging pages 2 and 3, with the following amended paragraph:

--Said adaptor is provided with fixing means acting transversely on the shank and arranged to assume two configurations, namely a rest and working configuration, corresponding to locking and to release of the shank respectively.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning line 3 on page 3, with the following amended paragraph:

~~--By many concerns, including the Applicant, said~~
Said fixing means are operated manually with the aid of a lever implement which is removably associated with the adaptor.--

Please delete the paragraph beginning line 25, bridging pages 3 and 4, which starts with "Said object is attained by the means defined...."

Please replace the paragraph beginning line 3 on page 6, with the following amended paragraph:

--For this purpose it presents two side-by-side transverse holes 13 (Figures 1, 2, 9 and 10) of different

cross-sections (Figures 7, 8 and 11) which receive with a certain radial slack two screws 14 which are screwed down into respective threaded holes ~~15~~13 (Figure 2) in the core 2, but are not tightened against the jaw 12.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning line 8 on page 6, with the following amended paragraph:

--Specifically, said screws 14 are of the spherical head type, i.e. they present at the base of their head a neck of curved cross-section which engages a matching cradle in the respective hole ~~18~~13 (Figures 7, 8 and 11).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning line 10 on page 8, with the following amended paragraph:

--To insert and extract the shank 7 of the tool 5 into and from the groove 11 of the adaptor 1 the following means are provided (Fig.7).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning line 19 on page 8, with the following amended paragraph:

--The pin 25 presents a--first 124 and ~~[[a]]~~ second ~~125-123 transverse peg~~ pegs which are transverse to each other and which are slidingly inserted into the transverse slots 24 and 23 respectively (Figure 1 and Figure 6).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning line 22 on page 8, with the following amended paragraph:

--The first-~~peg~~ pegs 124 (Figure 6) passes beyond the inner face of the jaw 12, to be able to engage (Figure 11) the respective engagement seat 224 (Figure 2) of the core 2, the second-~~peg~~ pegs 123 carrying an operating head 223.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning line 12 on page 9, with the following amended paragraph:

--[[in]] In addition, the pushrod 178 of the slider 17 is in contact with a point of the ~~plate~~ component 180 which is outside the cavity 186 (Figure 5), so that the balls 175 carried by the slider 17 lie outside the respective cavities 21 (Figure 5) and act against the jaws 12 in such a manner as to clamp them against the shank 7 which rests against the lower face of the rib 4 (Figure 7).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning line 14 on page 10, with the following amended paragraph:

--This mutual approach of the heads 223, indicated by two opposing arrows in Figure 10, results in compression of the springs 26 (Figure 6); insertion of the pegs 124 into the ~~seats~~ holes 224 (Figure 11) by the effect of the opening springs 20 for the jaw 12; and the consequent complete opening of the jaw 12, to release the shank 7 as shown in Figure 11.--